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by an Official of the Rumanian Government

Recently Released from Vacaresti

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An official of an economic ministry has been released after six months in prison. He was held for four menths by the State Security and two menths at Vacaresti. During his imprisonment he was tortured and beaten several times and was in such bad condition at the time of his release that he could not wear shoes. This official had been arrested on charges of assisting persons to escape from Rumania. The persons he was accused of assisting were actually officials sent abroad on economic missions who had refused to return to Rumania.

2. This official has informed friends that he saw in prison the son of General Pentazi, a high official in the Antonescu Government; he described this man as "covered with blood and sores". According to this official, one Saveanu, a professor of philology, had occumitted suicide in prison by beating his head against the wall.

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